

November 13, 2014
Middlesex Municipal Building

The Regular meeting of the Middlesex Shade Tree Commission was held on the above date at the Middlesex Borough Hall and called to order by Chairman Jason Bond:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met by the Annual Meeting Notice which has been forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building on December 16, 2013”

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| Members: | Jason Bond |
| | Dan Gitler (absent) |
| | Jim Gorman |
| | Sean Johnson |
| | Frank Ryan (absent) |

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| Liaison | Sean Kaplan (absent) |
| Secretary | Linda Chismar |

Chairman Bond opened the meeting to the public. Seeing that there was no public comments, Chairman Bond closed the Public Portion of the meeting.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept the September 18, 2014 and October 9, 2014 Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of the members of the Commission.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the September & October, 2014 Finance Report seconded by Mr. Bond and carried by a unanimous vote of the members of the Commission.

Communications

1. 714 Pershing Avenue – Commission agreed that the pin oak in the front of this property should be trimmed.
2. 712-714 Pershing Avenue – Commission requested if DPW or Predator could clip out the bee hive hanging from the tree.
3. 201 Sherman Ave. – Mr. Bond will look at the two trees in the back of this property at Mitchell Street that are dead and have branches falling.
4. 522 Fairview Avenue – Commission agreed to remove one Norway Maple and prune one
5. 310 Shepherd Avenue – Commission agreed that the two Norway Maple trees need to be crown cleaned.
6. 211 A Street – Commission agreed that the pin oak should be crown cleaned and cabled.

Work Agenda

1. 401 Fairview Avenue – Tree has been removed.
2. 307-311 Greene Avenue – Mr. Ryan will meet with the Victor Crowell Park Committee and discuss these trees and bring back to the Commission.
3. 433 Melrose Avenue – Mr. Bond will check on the tree that resident feels has dead limbs that may fall.
4. 320 Anthony Avenue – Commission agreed that nothing was needed to be done to this tree.
5. 236 Fairfield Avenue – Mr. Gorman will look at this tree in the front of the property that needs to be either pruned or removed if dead.
6. 151 Lee Drive – Commission agreed that the small Norway Maple should be removed.
7. 522 Fairview Avenue – Commission agreed that the Norway Maple should be removed.
8. Blackford Avenue – Commission agreed that 3 oaks need to be cleaned of dead wood and thinned out and one (marked with red tape) should be removed.
9. 212 Lucia Avenue – Commission agreed that this large oak should be trimmed around the wires and remove dead wood and remove lower limbs hanging low over street.
10. 131 Lincoln Boulevard – Commission agreed to remove pear tree
11. 507 Walnut Street – Commission agreed to crown clean this big oak tree.
12. 129 Emerson Avenue – Commission agreed that the maple tree should be trimmed and cut back from the house.
13. 717 Hazelwood Avenue (Raphael St. side) – Commission agreed that the big pin oak should be crown cleaned and also the two trees next to it crown cleaned.
14. 421 North Lincoln Boulevard – Commission agreed that the Norway maple should be crown cleaned.
15. 210 Lincoln Boulevard – Commission agreed that nothing was needed to this tree.
16. 160 Shepherd Avenue – Commission agreed that the sycamore at the corner of Shepherd and Nutwood should be crown cleaned.
17. 125 Woodland Avenue – Commission that the low branches of this maple should be trimmed away from the sidewalk.
18. 135 Lincoln Boulevard – Commission agreed that this pear tree should be pruned and cleared the building.

Unfinished Business

- (A) Increase of Fines when Removing Trees – A subcommittee of Jim Gorman, Jason Bond and Sean Johnson was created to discuss this ordinance.
- (B) Update on Tree Management Plan – Mr. Bond spoke with Mr. Cowie and discussed this matter. Mr. Cowie requested that the Commission focus on what their goals are and what they want to get out of the plan. Commissioners will be meeting with Mr. Cowie to discuss this grant and move forward.

New Business

- (A) Fall Planting – Fall planting has been done and 20 trees have been planted throughout the borough.

- (B) Update on 2014 Budget – As of this meeting \$19,905.22 is remaining in the Shade Tree Budget. Along with the above work which has to be accounted for, the Commission will inform the secretary of borough trees that are in dire need of trimming.
- (C) Discussion on Trimming of Shade Trees in Borough – Purchase of Door Knob Hangers – Mr. Gitler was not in attendance to discuss this further.
- (D) PSE&G Tree Trimming the Borough – Commission reviewed the map of tree trimming by PSE&G within the borough.
- (E) Greenbrook Road – Mr. Bond will check to see if the planting by PSE&G has been done as of yet and advise the secretary.

Mr. Bond moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Linda Chismar, Secretary

NEXT SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2014 – 7:30 PM
MIDDLESEX BOROUGH HALL

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Linda at 732-356-7400, Ext. 238

